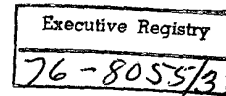


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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

THROUGH: Deputy to the DCI for National Intelligence

SUBJECT: ACDA-Proposed Study, "Verification of Arms Control
Options in the 1980s"

1. As previously reported to you, we have been discussing with ACDA representatives the content and the means of conducting a study proposed by Dr. Ikle on verification of arms limitations in the 1980s. Attached for your review is the fifth version of a draft memorandum from Dr. Ikle to Brent Scowcroft on this subject, which forwards a draft NSSM directing that the study be undertaken.

2. In our discussions with ACDA, we have raised several concerns:

a. Should the development of arms control strategies for the 1980s begin, as ACDA originally proposed, with an assessment of verification capabilities?

Although the purpose of the study remains focussed on verification, the attached draft now calls for the first part of the study to be interagency development of the "most plausible or attractive US policy options." This should limit somewhat the scope of the inquiry into future intelligence prospects, though this inquiry will still be difficult and costly.

b. Should a study of intelligence capabilities be prepared by an ad hoc group having representatives of organizations such as the NSC Staff, JCS, ACDA, etc.?

The attached draft provides that the assessment of verification capabilities of the Intelligence Community will be prepared by an intelligence working group chaired by a representative of the DCI. We propose, however, that ACDA representatives be invited to participate in the assessment.

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c. How much high quality intelligence resources should we devote
to the study?

The attached draft now points out explicitly that undertaking the study will present a problem in acquiring qualified intelligence personnel. For this reason if for no other, we believe the NSC Staff will want to give careful consideration as to whether there is in fact a clear need for such a study at this time.

3. It is recommended that you concur in the ACDA-prepared drafts, subject to the changes noted in the memorandum proposed for your signature (attachment 2). This recommendation has been coordinated with the D/DCI/IC, DDI, DDS&T, D/OSR, Chief SALT Support Staff and the Chairman, JAEIC.



Howard Stoertz, Jr. *JS*

Attachments:
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